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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER RULE 1.102(d)

Applicant hereby petitions that the above reference patent application be granted special status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.102(d) and Section 708.02 of the MPEP. A Preliminary Amendment accompanies this Petition. Applicant consents to the special examination procedure set forth in Section 708.02 of the MPEP. In support of this petition, Applicant submits the Declaration of Larry L. Coats and the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h). Applicant will make an election without traverse if the Patent office should determine that a restriction requirement should be made. Accordingly, Applicant requests that this Petition to Make Special be granted and that the application undergo accelerated examination.

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PETITION GRANTED

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